

Looking In the Mirror Part 7

“Don’t Forget Who you Are”

James 1:22-27

*God Commands Me in His Word – Love Him with All my Heart, My Soul, My Mind
- and to Love One Another as Myself*

Introduction: Do you ever wonder who you are I mean really maybe I am the only one but it seems me that a most of us at least at some point in our lives have an identity crisis.

- A. Now the identity I am talking about is not your name, your address where you work not that kind of identity.
 - 1. I mean who you really are down in your very being.
 - There are really only 2 identifications you are either a believer or a non-believer you either know God through His Son Jesus or you do not there is no such thing as straddling the fence.
 - 2. Acting like a believer does not make you a child of God.
 - Neither does any kind of works or effort you put in make you a child of God!
 - As Christians we take no credit at all for our identity “Jesus paid it all to Him I owe sin had left a crimson stain He made me white as snow!
 - 3. Your ID badge doesn’t have your picture on it has Jesus on it we are in Christ!
 - We should be conscious of that when we act and say the things we do we are identified with Christ!
 - But sometimes we forget who we are sometimes we just go on about our business doing accord to our flesh we are not blessed because we although we have heard God’s Word we do not live my His Word and have forgotten who we are.
 - B. Who are we?
 - 1. We are
 - Children of God John 1:12
 - We are one with Christ 1 Corinthians 6:17
 - We are no longer slaves to sin Romans 6:6
 - We are the body of Christ 1 Corinthians 12:27
 - We are His chosen people 1 Peter 2:9
 - We are the temple of the Holy Spirit 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
 - Paul said it this way to the Galatians: I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and [a]the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. Galatians 2:20

= According to God’s Word we have liberated from sin through Christ!

- 22 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.
23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; 24 for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has

immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. 25 But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does. James 1:22-25

- If you hear God's Word but walk contrary to it you are just fool yourself!

I. **Who do You think Your Fooling** verse 22-23

A. This word delude was often used in math calculations when there was a mistake when the calculation was off when it was thought to be one amount but was not that amount at all.

1. James writes that if a professing believer is only a hearer of the word and not a doer he is me calculating who he is, he is having an identity crisis he has forgotten who he is he just fooling himself!

2. It is so prevalent in church culture today:

- We attend Bible Studies
- We listen to Christian radio
- We read a devotional
- We attend worship services

➤ We may even lift our hands to God in worship and say amen in agreement with the preacher!

➤ But as soon as we return to our daily life we become people who simply heard the word but for forgot who we are but keep fooling ourselves that we are living a Christian life!

= That is a dilution we are just fooling ourselves if we think we are living for Christ if we believe that we can hear God Word but not walk in His Word and be in fellowship with Him and expect Him to be blessed by you life!

B. If you only hear His Word and do not do it you are doing what is natural!

1. So what is wrong with natural?

- Well by nature we are sinners and sinners' sin!

➤ You can't do what comes natural and please God!

2. We use that excuse well it's only natural that is true but that is not an excuse it is an indictment in the natural we stand guilty before a Holy God!

Transition: If we are hearers only of God Word then we are forgetters as well and we are really just fooling ourselves that we are living for Christ.

A. You can't live for Christ and not be a doer of His Word!

= If we do not practice what we know to be then we will forget who we are and return to the natural way we are!

II. **If We Do Not Practice the Word Then We Forget Who We Are** verse 23-24

A. You can take any profession or any or any hobby

III. **Closing Seeing Our Identity in Christ will Make us Doers of His Word** verse 25

